

**TEMPE TRANSIT FUNDING PRIORITY SURVEY**

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1 I, Diane Donoho, do hereby declare as follows:

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3 That pursuant to the request of Sue Taaffe of the  
4 offices of City of Tempe Community Relations Department, I  
5 did appear at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 East  
6 Southern Avenue, Tempe, Arizona, on Monday, March 1, 2010,  
7 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose reporting the comments of  
8 public attendees of the Tempe Transit Funding Priority  
9 Survey.

10 The following comments were made:

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12 MR. EDMUND: Warren Edmund. I live on East  
13 Williams Street in Tempe. I'd like to make three points.  
14 When the Orbit Bus Service was passed by a general vote in  
15 the mid 1990's, it was passed with the understanding that it  
16 would be a free service. To change it to a pay service at  
17 this point would be to go back on the word you gave to the  
18 people at the time the election was held. It's my feeling  
19 that, if you're not generating as much revenue from the tax  
20 as originally planned, you should either eliminate or cut  
21 back on the least-used routes or change the routes in order  
22 to make it more economical.

23 I do not understand why the staff did not  
24 consider combining bus route 65 and 66 as a means of saving  
25 money. The routes duplicate themselves for most of their

1 length except for the southernmost parts.

2           If you're considering service reductions on major  
3 bus routes to 30 minutes or 60 minutes, it's extremely  
4 important in such cases to make sure that the buses run on  
5 time and particularly do not leave from their scheduled  
6 stops early. If they do in that situation such as that,  
7 clearly you can end up with a very long wait for the next  
8 bus and most likely miss the engagement you're trying to  
9 reach. Thank you.

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11           MR. DEVORCE: My name is Greg Devorce. We're all  
12 going through some budget crises. We're all going through a  
13 hard time and all, but does it have to be at the expense of,  
14 you know, public transportation because we all need public  
15 transportation because some of us are just not financially  
16 ready to have our own vehicles, let alone have the money for  
17 it. And you wonder why some of you will have to, you know,  
18 take the buses, you know. I wouldn't mind taking buses as  
19 long as they don't -- you know, they do -- as long as they  
20 don't have budget cuts and what have you because I kind of  
21 like the budget. I kind of like, you know, public  
22 transportation the way things are. No changes made any time  
23 soon because, if there are no changes, then that means  
24 everything is quite all right. And also I wanted to tell  
25 you about, you know, if there is a chance that we can use --

1 we can, you know, expand the 108, not just Monday through  
2 Friday service in Mesa but Monday through Sunday service in  
3 Mesa, that means, you know, expand the 108, instead of every  
4 hour -- every hour at Superstition Springs Mall in Mesa, but  
5 every half hour, you know, every half hour because let's  
6 face it, because there's some people that just want nothing  
7 but to go places and do things and not be so dependent on  
8 mom and dad to -- you know, for their transportation because  
9 you know how they are. They'll get on you about, you know,  
10 gas. Gas is very expensive in this day and age. It really  
11 is. They're not going to -- they're not -- I'm not going to  
12 bull blank you. As in just, you know, just -- just so that,  
13 you know, that we're -- just wanted to let the people know  
14 that, you know, if you cut our budgets -- if you cut our  
15 budget for our buses, it will tell people, sorry, we give  
16 not one damn about you; if you want something done, you're  
17 going to have to do for your own damn self. Is that the  
18 message that you're trying to send? Because if it is,  
19 you're going to have some unmistakably angry customers, and  
20 I happen to be one of those.

21 Thank you for your time. And one other thing, on  
22 that particular note, as Richard Dawson would say to sign  
23 off the show, "We'll see you next time here on the Feud."

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25 (WHEREUPON the meeting concluded at 7:39 p.m.)

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2 STATE OF ARIZONA       )  
                                  ) ss.  
3 COUNTY OF MARICOPA    )

4               BE IT KNOWN that the foregoing comments were  
5 taken before me, DIANE DONOHO, Certified Reporter,  
6 Certificate No. 50691, in and for the State of Arizona; and  
7 the comments of the meeting attendees thereto were taken  
8 down by me in shorthand; that the foregoing pages are a true  
9 and correct transcript of the comments, all done to the best  
10 of my skill and ability.

11              I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am in no way related to  
12 any of the parties hereto, nor am I in any way interested in  
13 the outcome thereof.

14              DATED at Phoenix, Arizona, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
15 \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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